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Political candidates state positions on Indian issues

Potawatomi tribal members were given a clear picture of the position of the candidates for the Third Congressional District seat and the Tecumseh-Shawnee area legislative races in two candidate forums presented by local civic organizations.

Business Committee members have been deeply concerned about the C&L Roofing v. Citizen Potawatomi Nation case in which the Oklahoma courts took jurisdiction in a lawsuit against the tribe contrary to all federal court precedent, said Tribal Chairman John Barrett. Of equal concern was the recent amendment offered by Rep. Ernest Istook and Sen. Slade Groton in the U.S. Congress which would give states jurisdiction over Indian trust land.

In a forum at Oklahoma Baptist University Oct. 24 sponsored by the Shawnee and Tecumseh Chambers of Commerce, congressional candidate Darryl Roberts (Democrat) squared off against Republican Wes Watkins. Barrett presented the question for both candi-



Chairman John Barrett (back to camera) meets with incumbent legislative candidates Sen. Dick Wilkerson, Sen. Brad Henry and Rep. Dale Smith after forum in Tecumseh

dates: "What is your opinion of the anti-American Indian sovereignty legislation presented by Rep. Ernest Istook (R-Okla.) and Sen. Slade Groton (R-Wash.)."

Candidate Roberts stated that the U.S. should honor its

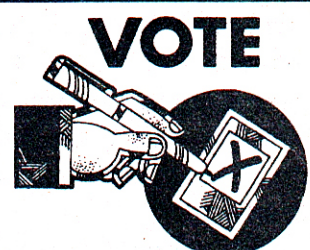
treaty agreements with the Indian tribes, and that it was shameful that a congressman from Oklahoma would present a bill that undermines the fundamental rights of tribal sovereignty granted by the U.S. Constitution. He further stated

that the tribes could be sure that when any member of Congress presented legislation against tribal sovereignty, he would be there to fight it.

Republican Watkins, a former Democratic congressman and

candidate for governor as both a Democratic and Independent, followed his new-found Republican doctrines. "I don't believe in special privileges for any group," Watkins said. "I'm against these

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The importance of Citizen Potawatomi Nation participation in this election could not be greater. The recent threats to tribal sovereignty by the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Republican majority in the U.S. Congress are the most dangerous developments for Indians in decades. Please vote as if your life and the life of your tribe depended on it.

— Chairman John Barrett

Business Committee puts government on notice after court victory

The court battle is won — subject to appeal — but the dust won't settle for a long time as the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe look to a future without shared jurisdiction.

Already underway are Business Committee plans to "put every agency of the federal government on notice of the deci-

sion of the federal courts in Citizen Potawatomi v. L.W. Collier Jr. case (CIV-92-2161-R) in order to prevent the continued diversion of Potawatomi funding to the Absentee Shawnees," said Tribal Chairman John Barrett.

After three and a half years, the U.S. District Court of the Western District of Oklahoma ruled last summer "That the Ab-

sentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does not share a common 'former reservation' with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation "that is co-extensive with the boundaries" reserved for the Potawatomis by treaty in 1873.

In a Declaratory Judgment and Permanent Injunction filed July 22, 1996, in federal court, District Judge David Russell ordered that

"L.W. Collier, as Area Director of the Anadarko Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, his successors, officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys and all those in active concert or participation with him are hereby PERMANENTLY ENJOINED from accepting lands located within the boundaries of said Potawatomi

Reservation into trust status by the United States for the benefit of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians without complying with the terms of 25 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 151.8 (1992), including that regulations' requirement of first obtaining written consent from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

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TRIBAL TRACTS

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Provided by Steve Kime, tribal member, author and professional speaker from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The other afternoon while out for my daily run, I was caught unexpectedly in a rain storm. The last four miles of my run was in a torrential downpour. Whew! That was fun! Running along the path, I deliberately began stepping into every water puddle along the way. I was having a great time getting drenched and making a big splash!

While running, I reminisced about the days as a kid playing in the rain. Here I am years later doing the same thing, just having fun. When was the last time you had some "spontaneous" fun? Let me encourage you to "seize the moment" out of your busy daily activities and have some fun. Life can be serious and stressful with all of its responsibilities. So take time today and just have fun! You know, it was great being a kid again.

And remember — to have a friend is to be one!



Heather Nicole Garner

Nevada student awarded funds for education

Heather Nicole Garner of Nevada, Missouri, daughter of Janice and Gary Almquist and the late Gary E. Garner, has been awarded three scholarships and two grants for her education.

Heather, a 1996 graduate of Nevada High School, has received two scholarships from Drury College in Springfield, Missouri: an Academic Honor Scholarship valued at \$2,500 and the Leadership Award valued at \$500. Both are renewable for four years at Drury.

The Doug and Tamie Ellis scholarship was presented to Heather for \$100 from the Nevada High School Scholarship Program.

Heather has also received two grants: a \$1,000 grant from Drury College and a \$1,000 grant from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for Higher Education. She is a tribal member as well as her mother, Janice Almquist; her late grandfather, Paul Z. Adams; and her late great-grandmother, Flora Ziegler Adams, all of Nevada, Missouri.

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Walking on ...

WILLIAM JOSEPH MAINEY

William Joseph "Bill" Mainey, 83, of Topeka died Nov. 17, 1995, at a Topeka hospital.

Mr. Mainey was born Dec. 10, 1911, in Wabaunsee County, Kansas, the son of Alva and Anna Myer Mainey.

He was a ranch foreman in Pottawatomie County before moving to Topeka in 1942. Mr. Mainey retired as a machinist in 1975, following thirty-three years of employment with the Santa Fe Railway.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Fraternal Order of Eagles #58, Santa Fe Old Timers, and Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians.

He was married to Cecilia Doll in Flush, KS on March 5, 1935. She survives him of the home. A son, William Joseph Mainey Jr., preceded him in death May 16, 1965.

Survivors beside his wife include two sons, Robert L. Mainey, Davenport, Iowa, and Donald E. Mainey, Topeka, Kansas; one daughter, Betty Woodruff, Overbrook, Kansas; three sisters, Cordelia Martino of Long Island, NY, Marie Hodson of Arlington, TX and Dorothy Sieben of Topeka, Kansas; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

JESSE MERLE LEWIS

Jesse Merle Lewis, 41, died Aug. 10, 1996, at his home in Hutchinson. He was born Dec. 26, 1954, at Killeen, Texas, the son of Clifford M. and Sharon M. Harmon Lewis. A Hutchinson resident since 1984, moving from Darby, Pa, he was employed at Superior Works Inc., Hutchinson. He served in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include a son, Jesse M. Jr., Pennsylvania; two daughters, Sara Lewis, Pennsylvania, and Sharon Ann Lewis, Kings Mountain, N.C.; mother, Sharon M. Lewis, Hutchinson; three brothers, Roger Glen, Gilbert G.P. and John E., all of Hutchinson; and a sister, Frances M. Lewis, Hutchinson.

Graveside services were held in the Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, with Chaplain Billy Whiteside presiding. Memorial may be sent to the Jesse M. Lewis Memorial Fund in care of Elliot Mortuary, Hutchinson.

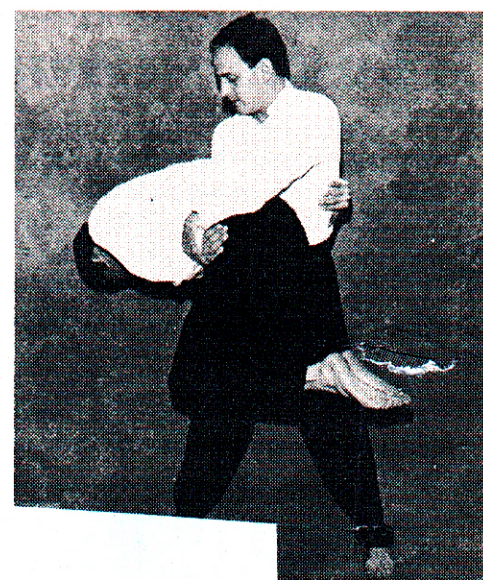
ELIZABETH IDELLA BARSHAW BOYD

Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal member Elizabeth Idella Barshaw Boyd of Prescott, Arizona, walked on Sept. 16, 1996. She was 84. The first child of Potawatomi tribal member Gilbert Peter Barshaw, she was born in Trousdale, Oklahoma, on February 28, 1912. Elizabeth was one of six siblings, five girls and a boy.

She is survived by her younger sister, Madge West of Medford, Oregon; her two daughters, Madge and Shirley; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Tribal member to perform with Pieces

An "Evening of PIECES" will be presented Friday, December 20, 1996 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, December 21, 1996 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. in Meadows Hall at the Sammons Center for the Arts, 3600 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas. Featured on the December program will be jazz, liturgical, and modern works choreographed by J. Davis Hobdy, Michele Manley, Maureen Norvell, and Lily Cabatu Weiss. Excerpts from the "Nutcracker" have been choreographed by J. Davis Hobdy. Tickets for the December performances are \$10 general admission with discount tickets available for members of AHA!, Dallas Dance Council, S.T.A.G.E., students, and senior citizens. Admission is free for children under 12.



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Tips from Health Services

Behaviors perceived by members of one tribe of American Indians in the Southwest as demonstrating 'caring' and 'non-caring' in health care providers.

Contrast

1. Touch
2. Voice
3. Attitude
4. Visibility
5. Availability
6. Presence
7. Respect
8. Visiting
9. Time perception

Non-Caring

1. Doesn't touch person or sore; rough handling of people.
2. "Talks down" or "talks over" people. Uses "big" words; angry voice; yells at people.
3. Pushy, demanding; treats people like "little children," acts like "know it all."
4. Never seen outside clinic or hospital setting.
5. "Can only get sick between hours of 8am and 3pm," only seen if a person has an appointment.
6. Ignores people, avoids spending time with people; does their duties, then leaves.
7. Criticizes or shames elders; belittles people; "acts like they're better than us."
8. Visits only when there's a problem; visits on "hit or miss" basis; doesn't talk about or share his/herself.
9. Always in a hurry; rushes in and out of room rushes through home visit; "do it now!" Only spends six months or a year in job, then leaves.

Caring

1. Shakes hands, hugs, touches person while examining sore; gentle touch; "professional touch."
2. Talks at same level; soft, concerned voice.
3. Willing to wait for person to make decisions; patient in teaching people; willing to learn from people.
4. Seen at community functions, "fun runs," Feast Days, funerals, church sales.
5. On call 24 hours a day; available whenever person is sick or needs help.
6. "Being there" for a person who is sick; spends time with person; willing to listen.
7. Elders treated kindly, revered, learn from elders; understand differences between people, extended family.
8. Visits people regularly, often, in health and in illness; shares things about themselves, tells stories, jokes.
9. Spends time talking, listening, examining person; sits down; has coffee, shares a meal; spends hours with person; is patient, gives person time to accept illness; works several years in community; "Dedicate yourselves to people for a long time."

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IN YOUR OPINION...

Scholarship recipient reports on law school studies

Bourzho!

As the first recipient of the Wilfred Bibb Memorial Scholarship, I wanted to write this letter to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, to let you all know how this scholarship is being utilized.

As many of you know, I am a second year student at Harvard Law School. I am currently finishing up some of the basic "core" courses here at the Law School, while still attempting to delve into my true legal interests. I am currently taking "American Indian Law" with Phillip Frickey, who is a Guest Lecturer from Minnesota Law School. Last year the Native American Law Students Association met periodically with the Dean of the Law School, Dean Clark, to "encourage" him to organize a course on American Indian Law. As a result of those meetings, American Indian Law is now being offered for the first time as a full semester course. The response has been outstanding, with enrollment around 40 students.

Further, I am taking a course at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, entitled "Nation Building: Taking Tribes into the 21st Century." This is an interdisciplinary course, bringing together professors and the students from Harvard Graduate School of Education, Harvard Law

School, Harvard Business School, the JFK School of Government, and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. The course is "forward-looking," encouraging students to think creatively and analytically about problems facing Indian Tribes, and how these difficulties can be most effectively dealt with in the coming century. The course deals primarily with reconciling issues of political sovereignty, economic development, and cultural survival.

I am also busy as co-chair of the Native American Law Students Association. We are a small but active group working in conjunction with Harvard

Native American Program to put together seminars, symposiums, outings to powwows, and a monthly potluck.

Much work needs to be done in Indian Country to insure the sovereignty of tribes through legal avenues. I strongly encourage all college bound members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to consider law as a career, and I would like to make myself available to help with general questions concerning applications and admissions.

Megwich,

Angela K. Riley
Somerville, MA

Filmmaker seeks Vietnam veterans for possible script

Dear Sirs:

I am an independent filmmaker working on a film script about the helicopter medical evacuation units that flew rescue missions in Vietnam. I am looking for any American Indians that flew as crew members on helicopters as pilot, co-pilot, crew chief, combat medic, doorgunner or were wounded and evacuated out of combat on a "Dust Off" or "MEDEVAC" helicopter.

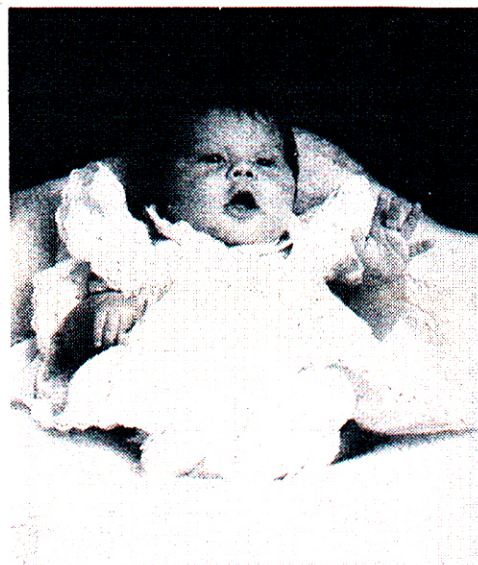
If there are any American Indians that were awarded medals of honor, I would like to recognize and pay homage to those men for their heroic service to their country.

I strongly feel the American Indians have been and are being treated unfairly. Through my films I want to bring the American Indians to the forefront of our society. I would like to see more American Indians involved in every aspect of our society.

I will be honored to work with your people through films and video or any other way I can, to help promote and preserve the American Indian Culture.

If you or any other American Indian can help me or need my help in any way please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you.

Russell E. Hall
212 Winter Drive
St. James, MO 65559



Demi

New Potawatomi arrives in Illinois

Dear How-Ni-Kan

Enclosed is a picture of the newest edition to our family, "Demi," Demerise Joan Lally Castillo. She was born on June 6, 1996, at Little Co. of Mary Hospital, Evergreen Park, IL. She weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

She is the great-granddaughter of Demerise Dettelsen, and the granddaughter of Joan L. Lally and Jack Lally. She is the daughter of Maryellen Lally and the sister of Briana and Jessica Castillo. Demerise Joan was named after her great-grandmother and her aunt (Demerise) and after her grandmother and aunt Joan.

She was baptized on August 18, 1996. Godparents were Demerise and John Bretecki. When she was born, Grandma Lally said she looked like a true Potawatomi!

Thank you,

Maryellen Lally
Chicago, Illinois

Reader appreciates receiving medicine from tribe

Dear Editor:

I have received my August HowNiKan, and have read where Marie Louise Anderson donated \$100 to the pharmacy. How nice of her to do that. Her mother, Florence DeLorme, is my cousin. Marie Louise Langlois is my aunt and godmother, and Delilah Bourassa Nourie is also my grandmother. I have just begun to receive my medicine from the pharmacy and I appreciate it so very much.

Sincerely,

Lorraine M. Lewis
Macomb, Illinois

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will evaluate any offer from its members who wish to bring a business opportunity to the Tribe which can benefit from Minority Status under Section 8(a) of the Small Business Administration. The conditions under which the business would operate must be:

1. The business must be owned 100% by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.
2. All activities including staffing, marketing, equipment, work space will be provided by the member with the proposal.
3. Adequate working capital must be provided by the member with the proposal.
4. All proceeds of sales will go into a "lock box" distribution account at First National Bank, Shawnee, Oklahoma, with payments made from this account to pay (1) all suppliers and accounts payable, (2) a Citizen Potawatomi Nation percentage of the gross margin, and then (3) the balance is paid to the tribal member.
5. The business must be of a type that is complimentary to the public image of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Please submit all offers which conform to the above standards to John "Rocky" Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. This offer is made to Citizen Potawatomi Nation members only.

Remember — HowNiKan
deadline is the 5th of the month!

TECUMSEH FRONTIER DAYS

The theme of Tecumseh's 1996 Frontier Days celebration in mid-September was "Saluting Our Native American Heritage."

Specially honored during the festivities were the two tribes with the most influence on the Tecumseh community, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. At right, Chairman John Barrett, center, and Absentee Shawnee Governor Larry Nuckolls are presented with plaques by Jerri Johnson of the Tecumseh Schools' Indian Education program. In the background is display of the work of Gary Montgomery, Native American artist who donated a painting for the Frontier Days T-shirts.



Chairman Barrett waves to the crowd in the Frontier Days parade. He and Governor Nuckolls, in the car beside him, served as grand marshals of the parade.



Employment & Training Director Gary Bibb carried the staff for the Native American Vietnam Veterans Color Guard in the parade.



Health Services Director Joyce Abel and her staff carried flags and a banner listing Citizen Potawatomi Nation programs available to tribal members in the Frontier Days parade.



Business Committeeman Jerry Motley and Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale led the Grand Entry at the Frontier Days Powwow held at the Potawatomi powwow grounds. Behind them are Tecumseh Schools Superintendent Dr. Jim Myers, and Tecumseh Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Laurie Snyder and her daughter Katie.

Standing Bear memorial unveiled

A 22-foot bronze memorial statue honoring Ponca Chief Standing Bear was unveiled and dedicated during formal ceremonies in Ponca City, Okla., Oct. 26.

The ceremony was held at the Standing Bear Native American Memorial Park located near the intersection of Highways 60 and 177 in south Ponca City.

Created by Southern Ute/Navajo sculptor Oreland C. Joe, the statue is dedicated to the Ponca tribal leader that led a peaceful campaign to win for Native Americans the first step in a long battle for human rights.

"In 1879, Chief Standing Bear defied the U.S. government and journeyed from northern Oklahoma to his native Nebraska to bury his son," said Genevieve Pollak, Ponca tribal elder and a member of the Ponca City Native American Foundation.

"He was arrested for moving without government permission and successfully sued in U.S. court for his rights as a human being to live where he

'As a Native American, I feel that the spirit of our peoples and their beautiful ways still live with and around us. There is still something mystical and powerful in our dances, songs and every day life. I seek to capture the spirit of our ancestors. I seek for the pureness of the old ways. The medicine of holy men, the power of young warriors, the beauty of mother and children, the wisdom of grandparents who grew close to the earth and sky. To bring these images to life I have selected stone and more recently bronze as my medium ... The result is satisfying to me, it truly brings out the songs, dreams and visions of my heart.'

— Oreland C. Joe Sr.

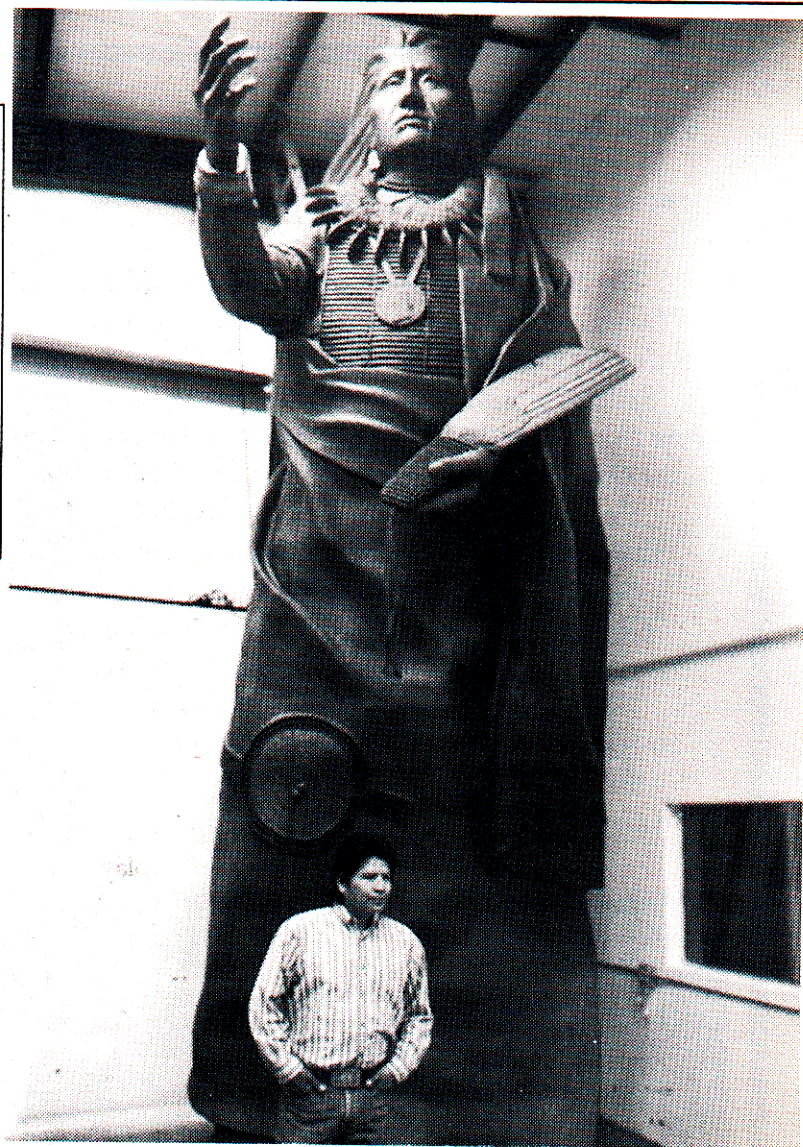
chose and to have the protection of individual freedoms under the U.S. Constitution," she explained.

Pollak noted that the PCNA Foundation's project is not an effort to memorialize one man or tribe in particular, but rather an undertaking to tell the story of a person who represented his people's arduous struggle to protect a way of life.

"The Chief Standing Bear statue is just Phase I of a project that will honor all Native Americans of all tribes," said Carl Renfro, chairman of the PCNA Foundation. "Future plans include a multi-functional

cultural complex complete with a living museum with permanent and traveling displays of current and historical artifacts and of the natural science of Native American culture."

Phase I covers more than 8 acres and includes a one-acre pond with central island, a walking trail amidst native grasses and wild flowers to the statue site, a memorial grove with sitting area, a reflecting pool, an eternal flame and a 60-foot diameter circular viewing court with recognition of the six host tribes — Ponca, Otoe-Missouria, Kaw, Tonkawa, Pawnee and Osage.



Oreland Joe With Statue of Standing Bear

THE POTAWATOMI

Throughout the French and Indian Wars the Potawatomi helped to lead the way, warriors died, to keep the treaties, shedding blood, keeping the enemy at bay,

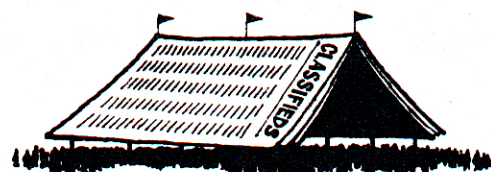
The People of the Fire, Neshnabek, the True people from the land of the Lakes, some, French men and Indian women, though all were forced to pull up stakes,

Leaving their lands throughout Michigan because of the National Removal Policy Through the Southwest and the Indian Lands Until some settle upon what becomes Shawnee,

Assimilating to keep the Tribes strong creating legends and heros the World through, Jim Thorpe, one of the most memorable, but Bertrand, Tipton and Vieux are another few,

Today, they are many nations under one Flag True People of all Tribes, the United States, most are Metis, mixed blood of many Peoples, but it's a mixture that the Great Spirit creates!

David Johnson
Lawton, OK



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Prophetstown Council studies plans for Indian State Park

BY SUSAN CAMPBELL

The Prophetstown Council held its annual fall meeting on September 25, 1996, in the Shriver Center on the campus of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Seven members or their representatives were in attendance, with a number of interested visitors.

The major topic of discussion was Prophetstown State Park outside of Lafayette, IN. It was announced that in March 1996 the state of Indiana passed a resolution making Prophetstown the official Indian State Park in the state.

On-site, geographical locations will return to being called by their Miami names while signs will include the Delaware, Potawatomi and Shawnee names where known. These will make visitors aware if the ownership of the land as well as the strong Shawnee influence shown by the Prophet's leadership (the land was once the village site of Potawatomi Chief Main Poc).

The results of the spring non-invasive archaeological survey were shared for the benefit of visitors. Remains of a large council house, reputed to be the Prophets, were located on the land along which includes the site of one large village. These were located merely by walking over the property.

Restoration of the prairie area begins in spring of 1997. Native grasses, such as buffalo grass, will be planted and plants indigenous to the area in the time of Prophetstown will be returned.

There will be two reconstructed villages along the river bank. The first, an 1800-era Prophetstown intertribal village, will include wigwams and tepees similar to those brought to Prophetstown by other tribes. The pre-contact site will be dated to c. 1000 and will include a mound area. Burial areas will be adjacent to this locale but no paths will go into that area; the closest official contact by visitors will be through an overlook from the

second village. In these burial sites the human remains found in Indiana, both pre-contact (1200 identified sites) and historical (approximately 800 sets) can be reburied according to the wishes of the tribes. A Council of Elders from the tribes will be formed to determine procedure. Pre-contact remains will be buried in mounds located at the burial site. A grove of trees already in place will protect this area from non-Indian intrusion. The mounds area will not be advertised to the general public.

So far, no burial sites have been located on the property. When they are, they will be diagrammed and left undisturbed. Artifacts buried with the remains will stay in the ground; they will not be collected and put on display. Display items will be handcrafted to resemble known artifacts, not purchased from museums or other collections.

The architectural plans of the Center were handed out for all to look at while Nick Clark explained them and added to them. Above the doors of the entrance is a large copper plate which will be decorated in an almost ribbonwork-type design. The walls on either side of the doors provide a background for large decorated copper sections, designed by artists from each tribe, to be placed. The entrance faces due East.

Inside, an eternal flame, lit by tribal leaders, will burn, an eternal campfire. Carved cedar beams support the ceiling while the floor is stone. Banners hanging from the beams will represent each tribe (13 have been identified). The lobby will hold 250 for dinner.

There will be 15,000 square feet of exhibits. Already we have been offered an exhibit of 47 Potawatomi and Kickapoo dance outfits and these will be displayed there. The orientation room seats 150 while the multipurpose room seats an additional 200. Ample room is designed for classes. The southeast corner of the building

holds an amphitheater in which will be presented the Prophetstown story. A gift shop across from it will carry hand-made items crafted by artists from all of the tribes.

The project is estimated to cost \$25 million, \$16 million of which will be for the building. All will come from private

money. Every corporation so far approached has asked for proposals and shows interest in the project. The park should be operating by spring 2000.

A couple of dates were noted: the third week of June has been set aside for the annual Woodlands Workshops, to be held at Camp Ross near

Lafayette. In July we hope to offer a youth camp (2 weeks for highschoolers), giving our youth an opportunity to learn how their ancestors lived. There will be more about this as it comes together.

With that, the meeting adjourned.



COURAGE. HONOR. LEADERSHIP.

In Vietnam, Darryl Roberts was decorated for gallantry.

As a prosecutor, Darryl Roberts fought crime and put criminals behind bars.

In the State Senate, he led the fight for jobs, education and senior citizens.

Now Darryl Roberts is ready to fight for us in Congress.

"Newt Gingrich and the Republicans are wrong. You don't cut Medicare and education so you can give a tax cut to the rich."

Darryl Roberts won our overwhelming support in the primary, but now he needs our help in Tuesday's runoff.

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What we need in Congress.
What we'll get with Darryl Roberts.

On Tuesday, vote for Darryl Roberts.



DARRYL
ROBERTS
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ENROLLMENT CORRECTION

The July 1996 issue of the HowNiKan included a list of newly enrolled tribal members, including two whose names were misspelled. The correct spellings are Anthony Joseph Goodin and Adirana Elizabeth Goodin. We are happy to correct the error.

Watkins: against tribes that want gambling, prostitution

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tribes that want casino gambling and prostitution." When questioned after the debate by an irate Chairman Barrett about his references to prostitution, Watkins said, "Well, that's what usually follows from casino gambling." When Barrett pointed out that this has not been the case in any of the more than 35 Indian casinos nationwide because of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, on which Watkins voted. At that point, Watkins said, "it was good to see you here. Thanks for coming," and walked off.

Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate Jim Boren, responding to a similar question, said he absolutely believes in tribal sovereignty and that it was a solemn obligation of the U.S. government. Sen. Jim Inhofe stayed for only the first 15 minutes of the forum and did not take the opportunity to respond to Barrett's question.

In another forum on Oct. 21 at Tecumseh City Hall six legislative candidates for three area seats were presented with ques-

tions from the audience. The forum was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Pottawatomie County in conjunction with area Business & Professional Women's Clubs and both chambers of commerce.

Tribal chairman John Barrett asked the following question of the legislative candidates: "In light of 150 years of U.S. Supreme Court precedents, the commerce clause of the U.S. Constitution, and the Oklahoma Constitution, would you sponsor or support legislation prohibiting Oklahoma judges from taking jurisdiction in Oklahoma courts against federally-recognized Indian tribes?"

Answering first, Rep. Mike Ervin (D-Dist. 28) said that the "record and courts are clear — tribes are not subject to the jurisdiction of the state. It is a federal question." Republican candidate Mark Gwartney avoided a direct answer by saying it is an issue which much be resolved but he was "not sure it should be done by the legislature."

District 27 Rep. Dale Smith (D) apparently did not understand that the only body which could prohibit the actions of Oklahoma judges was the Oklahoma legislature. He said he didn't see any need for him to do anything and that judges from other states shouldn't have anything to say about what we do in Oklahoma. His Republican opponent, Tecumseh Mayor Phil Hartoon, said this was a very complex issue which he was not prepared to answer.

In the third House race, for District 26, Rep. Bob Weaver (D) said "It's clear. Indian law is federal law. I believe in sovereignty for Indian tribes and will vote ... to protect it." Also misunderstanding the issue was Republican Rickey Dale Crain, who said "a lot of issues could be resolved if the federal courts were not so wishy-washy."

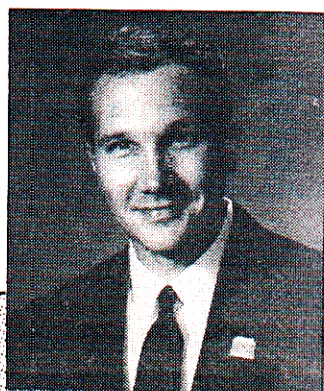
In the first of two state senate races, incumbent Dist. 17 Sen. Brad Henry (D) said he is likely to be appointed chairman of the Senate judiciary committee and is "a

very strong supporter of tribal sovereignty." He stressed that "Oklahoma courts don't have any business taking jurisdiction" and said he would "support, and most likely sponsor" legislation to prevent such action. His Republican opponent Jerrel Puckett said that "treaties take precedence" and federal law takes precedence over state law. He said he would "cooperate and work with" tribes.

In Senate Dist. 13, incumbent Democrat Sen. Dick Wilkerson, chairman of the finance committee, flatly stated that "state courts have no jurisdiction at all." In a conversation with Barrett afterwards, he said he was "frankly amazed" that Oklahoma courts had taken jurisdiction against federally-recognized Indian tribes and would address it when the legislature is next in session.

Republican Barbara Young, another who apparently misunderstood the question, said the U.S. Congress has "side-stepped the issue" and that "it should be done at the federal level."

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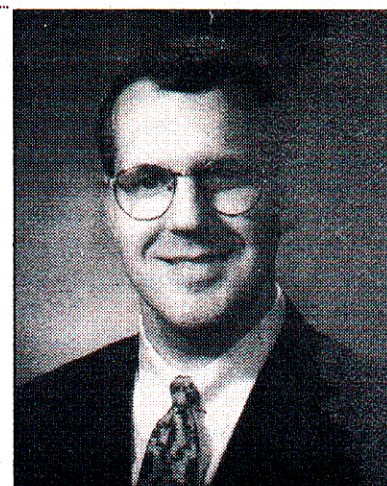
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2nd Annual Non-Talent Show

Winners: 1st Place — Dee Wood (vocal solo); 2nd Place — Bob Miller (vocal and guitar); 3rd Place — The Greasers (musical production)



The Blues Sisters Were A Big Hit



The Greasers, from the tribal store, took third place with their '50s spoof



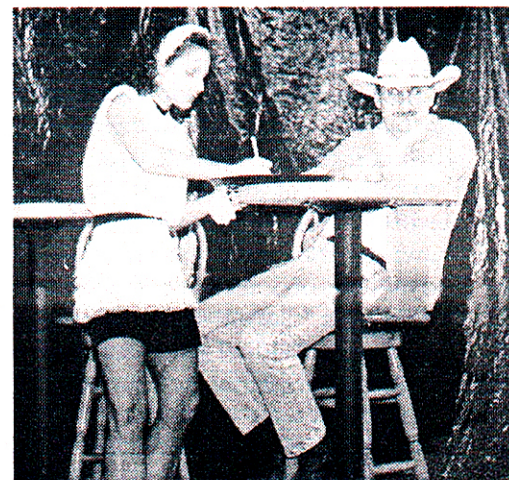
Ethel & The Guys Got A Laugh



The On The Hill Gang Showed Everyone How To Do The Macarena

Service Awards

On the serious side, several employees were recognized for service to the tribe. Tribal Police Chief David Kubiak was recognized for 10 years of service, and recognized for five years of service were Robert O. Davis, police; Dee Lopez, Family & Community Services; Julian Doyon, bingo; Gerald Bias, bingo; George David, maintenance; Bill Pahdacony, golf; Bill Price, golf; Ed Parton, golf; Michael Petray, bingo; Chris Chesser, golf; Denise Lackey, Title VI; Sharon Collin, tribal store; Mike Wood, golf.



This Family & Community Services skit brought down the house.

Tribe offers Shawnees separate reservation, cash payment

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zen Potawatomi Nation."

The Potawatomi had filed a motion for summary judgment on the issue in the Western District federal court on Nov. 20, 1992, asking the court to find that a reservation was created for the Potawatomi by an 1867 treaty; that the reservation's borders are the north fork of the Canadian River on the north, the Seminole County line on the east, the Canadian River on the south and the Indian Meridian on the west; and that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe "has never had a reservation that includes any part of the Citizen Band Reservation."

The tribe went to federal court after Collier denied a protest made by the Potawatomi a few months earlier. The Potawatomi asked Collier to rule that the Shawnees could not place land in trust within the Potawatomi reservation boundaries. Collier initially ruled that the two tribes "share a common former reservation area and have a co-equal right to claim reservation lands in Potawatomi County."

Discovery of a 1958 ruling a few months later by tribal attorneys Michael Minnis & Associates greatly strengthened the Potawatomi case. That Indian Claims Commission ruling said that the Potawatomi had complied with the treaty and that the Shawnees were not entitled to share the reservation. The ruling termed the Shawnees "squatters" on the land purchased by the Potawatomi and said their possession of land here was not obtained, "under any color of title or recognition of ownership by the Congress or executive branch of the government" or by the Citizen Potawatomi.

Although Secretary of the Interior Columbus Delano in 1870 approved the reservation "for the exclusive use and occupancy" of the Potawatomi tribe, he changed his tune a few years later after receiving a petition from members of the Absentee Shawnee tribe who already were on the land the government sold to the Potawatomi. Delano declared that the Potawatomi had ceased to exist as a tribe and urged Congress to pass a law allotting the reservation to individual members of both tribes.

His recommendation became the Allotment Act of 1872 and the genesis of the government contention that the two tribes shared the same reservation. However, the Indian Claims Commission 1958 ruling considered that position and ruled it out of order, and the federal District Court has come to the same conclusion.

The Citizen Potawatomi took the century-old fight to court in an attempt to settle a variety of problems which have increased in recent years. Barrett noted recently that the Indian Health Service allocated 25 percent of the Shawnee service unit funding to the Absentee Shawnees and 31 percent to the Potawatomi. "The primary issue in allocation is a formula for tribal shares based on usage in part for the past three years,"

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— Chairman John Barrett

Barrett said. The formula favors the indigenous tribe — that tribe in whose area the facility is located. The court ruling on the reservation means that the Absentee Shawnees are no longer indigenous, he said.

"In spite of the federal court ruling, federal agencies such as Housing & Urban Development, Agriculture, the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs continue to treat the Shawnees as if they have concurrent jurisdiction in their allocation of funding for federal contracts," Barrett said. The chairman said he offered, by a letter and phone call to Absentee Shawnee Gov. Larry Nuckolls and his representatives "a compromise position" even before the court ruled.

"We made a formal offer to the U.S. Attorney after the ruling to carve out a reservation for the Shawnees in the southwest corner of our reservation," Barrett said. "In addition to giving the Shawnees their own jurisdictional area, this proposal included an offer to purchase all lands held in common for the Absentee Shawnee outside the new jurisdiction area for a fair market value, to be established in the conventional manner by having the Absentee Shawnees select an appraiser, the Citizen Potawatomi select appraiser and the two appraisers select independent third appraiser. The fair market value would then be the average of the three appraisals."

These properties, he said, would include the surplus government land given to the Shawnees in 1961 on the site of the old Indian tuberculosis sanatorium, the Tecumseh Square Shopping Center "and the land allegedly contributed by an anonymous benefactor from Kentucky" at I-40 and Hwy. 9-A. "If Citizen Potawatomi Nation gives up a piece in corner, we're asking the BIA to add a comparable-size piece in a westerly direction on the northwest corner," Barrett said.

"I believe this to be a more than generous offer. This would give the Absentee Shawnees their own jurisdictional area and millions of dollars in cash with which to develop it," Barrett said under the proposal that individual Absentee Shawnee allotments outside the new jurisdictional area would remain under the jurisdiction of the Absentee Shawnee tribe. Should these properties be developed commercially, however, they would fall under the tax jurisdiction of the Citizen Potawatomi

Nation.

"I'm not altogether sure that our offer has been accurately communicated to all the members of the Absentee Shawnee tribe," Barrett noted. "I have been characterized by Gov. Nuckolls as a tyrant while in fact the Potawatomi were the people who were threatened by the illegal usurpation of our tribal jurisdiction. This is the real tyranny."

"All this may seem much ado about nothing and a waste of tribal money and attorney fees," he added. "But here is what has already happened and what will probably happen in the future as a result of the Absentee Shawnee claiming our reservation as their jurisdiction:

"The Potawatomi have been systematically discriminated against by the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority of which we were supposed to be an equal one-third partner. Appointees to the Housing Authority by tribal government have been removed and the voting majority of the governing board declared to belong to the Shawnee. As a result, Absentee Shawnees received new houses and housing assistance before Potawatomi."

"The Absentee Shawnees have claimed millions of dollars of BIA funding including highway funds, social assistance funds, education funds and other benefits rightfully belonging to the Potawatomi Tribe by saying that our reservation is also theirs."

"Twenty-five percent of the more than \$5 million in IHS funds for our reservation area has been appropriated by the Absentee Shawnee. Their illegitimate claim of our jurisdictional area has resulted in a reduction in services and funding in excess of \$8 million in just the last two years. Over the last ten years, this number defies imagination."

"These are services that should rightfully be administered by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation," Barrett said. "I am not saying that the Absentee Shawnee tribal members who reside in our jurisdiction are not entitled to services. Under the law, as defined by this court decision, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation should be the provider of these services with the exception of those members of the Absentee Shawnee tribe who reside on trust land."

Chairman Barrett pointed out that for 25 years, a "gentlemen's agreement" existed between the two tribes. "That understanding was that the Potawatomi would develop commercial enterprises for the

City of Shawnee and Tecumseh markets, and the Absentee Shawnee would develop commercial enterprises for the Norman-Little Axe market," he said. "Without notice, the current government of the Absentee Shawnee purchased the Tecumseh Square Shopping Center and the Tecumseh Absentee Shawnee Smoke Shop and applied for trust status for these properties to the government. During that period the Potawatomi had already protested to the BIA that new lands could not be put in trust on our reservation without our permission."

"The BIA ignored our lawful protest and put the smoke shop into trust without the customary notices to the Potawatomi, county government or the City of Tecumseh. Had we not gone to federal court to restrain L.W. Collier, the Anadarko area director of the BIA, the Tecumseh Square Shopping Center would have also been put in trust and a bingo operation started within one-quarter mile of Fire Lake Entertainment Center."

"The Business Committee of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation considered this the last straw," Barrett said. "We had no alternative but to sue. We honored the understanding of the last quarter-century and did not develop Potawatomi trust land in the Little Axe area."

As a result of recent actions by the Absentee Shawnee tribal police, in which Barrett said they performed "forcible entry and detainer police actions on Potawatomi and Kickapoo trust land under the guise of authority of the Absentee Shawnee tribe," Barrett sent a letter to Gov. Nuckolls and the Absentee Shawnee tribal government. The letter said that any action by the Absentee Shawnees which violates the jurisdiction of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation will be considered an illegal act and will be subject to prosecution in the Potawatomi tribal court.

"We do not want to hurt the Absentee Shawnee people," Barrett stressed. "We do not want to hurt the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. We did not start this dispute. This issue should have been settled by the U.S. government in 1873 when we registered our first protest as a tribe to the presence of Absentee Shawnees on our reservation. This issue should have been resolved by the decision of the Indian Court of Claims in 1958. The U.S. Government still refuses to honor its agreement of 1867 which sold us the reservation. The U.S. government continues to give the Absentee Shawnee our rightful share of funding granted us by the Indian Self-Determination Act of 1973."

The chairman said this court action "will hopefully finally settle the issue. The U.S. government should recognize the willingness of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to provide the Absentee Shawnee with their own reservation so the next two generations of Potawatomi and Absentee Shawnee leadership will not have to continue this fight."

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REGIONAL REPORTS

*Haw Nikanes (Hello my brothers),
Ni je na, gin? (How are you)?
Nin Anwe, Megwetch. (I am well, thank
you).*

The month of September brought rain and "Indian Summer" to South Texas, and we loved it! October is proving to be more of the same. The puppy thrives. The deer are looking good, and last night a local skunk joined the crowd around the corn and sweet feed. The other animals gave him lots of room, but he had good manners, so they did not leave.

Tribal members Olline Hodges fell last week and broke a hip. She is in the hospital, had surgery and was doing well when I talked to her youngest daughter, Jan Rowe, the day after her operation. At ninety years young, she will have a long mending time. She, and all of the family, will be grateful for your prayers. Another of Ollie's daughters, Nolene, has been seriously ill for some time, so Tokee Richard, the third of Mrs. Hodges daughters, is also in Weslaco at this writing, assisting in the caregiving.

Congratulations are in order for Nobbie and Amber Lowden, who married on October 5. We wish you a long and happy

The State Fair is over for another year as well as the Texas/OU game. Lu Ellis of Houston mentioned her new puppy.

Now that I'm retired, I was thinking of getting a new puppy, but instead I'm dog sitting our two granddogs until their parents get settled in their new Marine assignment. As they say about grandchildren, you can play with them and then send them home. And they do promise they'll send for the Lhaso Apsos. It's been fun.

The American Indian Art Festival & Market was Oct. 26 & 27. There was a change in location, so hope you found it if

Bourzho Niconi;

Here we are in the fall of the year already. Where has this year gone? As I mentioned in my last article, I had planned to arrange language classes for those of you who would like to participate. However, things will be delayed for a while until further notice.

The American Indian Heritage Association of Kansas City will hold a Dinner Dance and Arts and Crafts Show Nov. 2 at the Roger T. Sermon Center, Truman and Noland Road, in Independence, Missouri. For more information call Lee Lawhead at (816) 356-9167 or Steve Kinder at (816) 453-6375.

I was pleased to hear that the annual Potawatomi Powwow in Shawnee will become more family oriented. As for myself I have always enjoyed the smaller powwow gatherings more than the larger contest powwows. I just feel that the

SOUTH TEXAS

LU ELLIS

marriage. Nobbie the son of Esther Lowden, Tribal Gift Shop and Museum Director.

You have, I hope, learned about all of the "contenders" in the battle of the politicians, and have come to some informed conclusions about them. I urge you to exercise your right to vote; your voice does make a difference. We need to make a difference now! Congress is not acting in the best interest of Indian People.

I have been sticking close to home and studio. The work goes well.

There will be an Intertribal Powwow on Nov. 9 at the St. Mary's Seminary. Call 713-991-1246 for more information on that. John and I plan to be there; we'll be look-

ing for you.

The American Indian Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Southern Plains Powwow on Nov. 23, to be held at the Johnny Nash Indoor Arena. Call 713-932-1877 for more information. It will be time for the fall giving thanks ceremonies soon. Remember that all good things come from our Mother Earth, and take care of her, as she takes care of you.

MOTHER EARTH

*She feels the first spring rain drops fall
And hears the Brook Song sung.
She listens with a tender heart
To the Standing People sigh..
She sees then with her loving eyes
As red hawk feeds her young.
She knows the breeze across the plains
Where all the Eagles fly.
She mirrors in her mountain lakes
The clouds that hover near.
She loves every living thing
traveling on the path.
She folds them in her caring arms
The Otter, Bear and Deer.
Oh, She knows her creatures well,
And cradles all at last.*

Be good to each other,

Lu Ellis

NORTH TEXAS

MARJORIE HOBDY

you were interested. All through November there will be Native American events with the annual Red Nations Powwow

usually right after Thanksgiving in Farmers Branch. Watch the Dallas paper for listings.

You should have your invitation to the Regional Meeting on November 9th. If you're reading about this meeting, but have not received an invitation, I may not have your correct address, so give me a call.

This is a new time of year for our meeting. Hope your schedule in the fall is flexible enough so you can fit the meeting in with the short notice we had. I'm looking forward to seeing you.

Marj Hobdy

MIDWEST

MARYANN WELCH-FRANK

smaller powwows are more intimate and personal. It seems the larger powwows have become so commercialized.

Things have been a little quiet around the office, somewhat typical of this time of the year as we go into the holiday season. (It seems strange to be talking about holidays already!) I hope everyone has the chance to get together with your friends, families, and loved ones this season. Let's

never forget about our elders, either. Help them out whenever you can with companionship, food, or help around the house, inside or out.

Let's all remember to always be thankful for our tribe and its leadership. I know we don't all agree with everything about our tribal government, but looking at the overall picture from where we came from to where we are today certainly is impressive.

And I, as your Midwest Regional Representative, have always vowed to serve the tribe to the best of my ability without trying to get involved with any conflict or interests or opinions.

I am here to help you. My phone is always open to you. I hope everyone has a bright and beautiful upcoming holiday season.

Migwitch,

Maryann Welch Frank

REGIONAL REPORTS

Bozho From Seattle!

Now that the busy-ness of summer has eased I'm trying to catch up on things in the office a bit and begin looking forward to our April 19 regional meeting. I have spoken with the school district regarding the use of the cafeteria at Indian Heritage High School and have contacted caterers (remember that good barbecue we had a few years ago?). When I'm sure of the outcome, I'll let you know.

Karleena and Bill Greetham spent an afternoon with me discussing projects for the children's program. We have decided to divide the children into two groups, kindergarten through third grade, and fourth through sixth grades. Crafts will be age appropriate. If you have older children who would like to assist, please let me know. Karleena continues to hunt out crafts ideas and bead stores and we are coming up with workable ideas. She's

Bourzho, Niconi,

Indian summer ... Where did that phrase come from? My husband asked me and my thought was it's when summer extends into fall. We are having some pretty warm days right now (October 5), but I sure have a feeling it will turn cold soon.

We were at the West Valley College 8th Annual Powwow yesterday in Saratoga. It's a beautiful setting among the hills and trees. Al Chalepah and his No Name Drum were there as the host Southern drum. Along with 4 other drums, it soothed my soul. We seem so scattered here in our region and it's hard to get that sense of community without gathering somehow (as we did at the picnic). The upside is that we have a good beginning at building that community when we do gather.

Recently, I was told that the California Indian Education Dept. in Sacramento has been eliminated. Those who worked there were integrated into other departments. Also, there have been layoffs in school districts with Indian Education Programs that will have a major impact on students. I know that it's something happening ev-

"Bosho,"

October is here!

The countdown for this year's Denver Regional Meeting is at hand. I've made the list, and I'm sure it will be checked several times, just to make sure that everything is ready for Saturday, October 19, 1996. I am confident that the program and the activities for that day will be a pleasurable experience for everyone who is able to come. I look forward to seeing all those familiar faces from past meetings, and getting acquainted with those of you who join us for the first time.

As you all know from past issues of the HowNiKan, the tribe is in the process of

WASHINGTON

SUSAN CAMPBELL

even enlisted her son as a helper, trying out the kits on him!

She has also spoken with Renee Cooper from Shawnee. Renee was in charge of the children's program during powwow in June and has offered to share her ideas and suggestions when she visits here. We are grateful for her assistance.

By the time you read this, the meeting with Laura Welcher, the linguist from Hannahville, and Suzanne Bateese, who

works with Norman Kiker in Shawnee, will have come and gone. They will be meeting with me and with Bill Moore, a local Potawatomi elder who speaks the language, concerning classes. Please offer prayer for Bill; he is having vision problems and is concerned about teaching. He gave me the name of a woman in Tacoma, Joyce Dixon, who has worked for a number of years with Indian colleges. I have contacted her and she is willing to set up the classroom situation and assist Bill all she can. Unfortunately, she doesn't know the language.

My thanks to Bob Trousdale, Esther Lowden and Carolyn Sullivan for their help this month. As I prepared to go to Fall Symposium and Prophetstown Council in Ohio I realized at the last minute that I needed dirt from the tribal complex for the planting of the peace tree. I frantically called Carolyn who put me through to

Bob. He kindly gathered some dirt for me and Ester mailed it out so it arrived before I had to leave. As the husband of one of our tribal members puts it, "Many Migwetches!"

The Fall Symposium went off without too many hitches. We met in Shriver Hall on the campus of Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. Dr. S. David Edmunds was in attendance, presenting a paper on the Delaware sacred text, the "Wallum Olum." We learned about the creation of a memorial on Ellis Island in remembrance of the Native Peoples who once lived there — and those who first lived on the mainland as well.

Friday afternoon was field trip time. The rains held off while we visited Sun Watch Village, a pre-contact site (c.1200 A.D.) being excavated and restored near Dayton, OH, and Fort Ancient, the largest pre-contact hilltop enclosure (or "fort") in North America, located near Lebanon, OH. Lectures on the mounds and on the Hopewell Road were presented at the latter site. I found myself having mixed feelings about the work going on at Sun Watch but both places were fascinating.

Dinner that night was with Grace Thorpe, my cousin and a dear woman whom I feel privileged to have come to know. She is a prime mover of getting reservations to declare themselves nuclear free zones and spoke of her work in that area, as well as her drive to get her father Jim Thorpe declared this century's greatest athlete. She passed around one of his gold Olympic medals for us to look at.

On Saturday, following talks on cultural preservation, Anishinabe literature (extremely well done), language and the importance of learning your own, and a panel discussion by the leaders of various Nations in attendance, we adjourned to the Western Lodge where president Shriver buried a symbolic hatchet and we participated in the planting of the Peace Tree. All of the leaders and tribal representative had soil from their homelands to place around the roots and between Chief Floyd Leonard of the Oklahoma Miami, Grace Thorpe of the Sac and Fox Nation and myself, Oklahoma was well-represented! The tree was planted with prayer and all present participated in placing a handful of Ohio soil around it.

This area of Ohio is still very wooded and the trees were beginning to turn color so it was a beautiful place to visit. Many of the tribes with whom we were once allied lived in this area and it is rich with history.

With the exception of the week before Thanksgiving, I shouldn't be too difficult to reach so if you have any questions or concerns — or want to offer to help at Regional — give me a call!

Pama!

Susan Campbell

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

JENNIFER J. PORTER

everywhere with the cutbacks, but it's truly disturbing that education is not a priority in our country, especially for those who need aid to get it.

I know this won't reach you before the elections, but I hope you considered who you want in office with regard to this and other Indian issues. With as few people who vote in this country compared to the population, the Indian vote could really make a difference in decisions made with us in mind. Enough soap boxing ... no, one last word here. If we must lose funding in some of these programs, we as a community need to help pick up the slack. Check with local Indian councils to see what can

be done. Maybe a local fund-raiser would help a student reach a goal.

My neighbor recently called with the exciting news that he had discovered an old recipe book from a powwow he had attended approximately 30 years ago. It was put together by the Intertribal Friendship House in Oakland. There are some interesting ingredients in some of them ... I may have to contact our Potawatomi family in Canada or elsewhere for the bear fat and beaver tails, if I want to try them!

Here are some upcoming events:

NOVEMBER

8-10: 21st American Indian Film Festival-Palace of Fine Arts. S.F. (405) 554-0525

9: DQ University Veterans Day Pow Wow 9916) 758-0470

28: Sunrise Ceremony On Alcatraz - 5:30 a.m. (415) 512-1501

DECEMBER

5: 4th American Indian Alliance Calendar Kick Off & Pow Wow (408) 261-7100

12: DQ University Winter Pow Wow (918) 758-0470

20: Santa Clara Indian Christmas Dinner & Pow Wow (408) 261-7100

31: Title IX New Year's Eve Pow Wow, Fremont HS

If you know of other upcoming events, please let me know.

Be well...

Jennifer J. Porter

COLORADO

PENNY BISHOP

laying the groundwork for a language program. The focal point would be language classes and a home study program. I am looking for people in our area who

are interested in helping with this program. PLEASE give me a call if you're interested.

I am proud to announce the arrival of my 4th and newest grandchild, a granddaughter Jamie-Lee Geneliska Werner, born September 19, 1996, at Fort Morgan, Colorado. She was named for my mother, the late Helen Alta Geneliska LaReau Hey and my late Aunt Anna Geneliska LaReau Newell of Stonewall, Oklahoma.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Regional.

Until next time,

Penny Bishop

OREGON IDAHO

ROCKY BAPTISTE

Bourzho Niconi,

Ne-ge-na? I am well but finding that the older I get the faster time goes by. What happened to September and October? Fall has come and gone so fast, it will time for our Regional Meeting before we know it. It will be in April again this year.

We attended a powwow at Potsville, that is near Grants Pass, Oregon. It was a small powwow but one with lots of good feelings. Dave West, our Potawatomi brother, was announcer, and did a super job. One of the oldest veterans attending was Chief Bullock, an Oklahoma Cherokee, who served during World War II. He survived the death march of Baatan and was a prisoner of war for 42 months. He was on three prisoner of war ships that were sunk by American forces and he survived them all. Despite "Chief's" age and the fact that he uses two canes, he was in all the Grand Entries. What a brave and hearty Indian he is, to have endured so much. It was an honor for the Potawatomi members there at the powwow to present him with an eagle feather for his hat. We are honored to have him among us.

For nearly four years now, I have wanted to adopt my grandfather's Indian name, Wahb-Che-Qwa. This summer while I was in Shawnee, I finally found the meaning and also my clan, the last things I needed to get my name. A ceremony and traditional dinner was held at the home of Dave and Terri West. Elk stew (killed in the traditional way, by bow and arrow) was served along with corn bread. Mrs Madge West, an Elder Potawatomi of Medford, Oregon, presented me with my grandfather's name and explained the meaning to those family members present. She was given a gift and every one presented with "Saya-ma" (tobacco). Everyone went to the powwow to dance.

The Indian summer and fall have been good to us. I hope it has to you also. Some up coming powwows are listed below.

The four nations pow-wow in Eugene is yet to be announced.

Oct 25-27 - Mid Columbia River Powwow, Celilo

Nov 2 - JOM Powwow, Springfield High School, Springfield, OR

Nov 16 - Restoration Powwow, Siletz, Oregon

Nov 16 - U of Oregon Powwow, Eugene, Oregon

Dec 7 - Lane Community College Pow-Wow, Eugene, Oregon

(Be sure to call on these ahead of time as they may have changed)

Pa-ma-pee (See you later),

Megwetch, (thank you),

Rocky Baptiste

"Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday."

REGIONAL REPORTS

REMAINING REGIONAL COUNCILS

Dallas	Nov. 9
S. California	Jan. 18
Phoenix	Feb. 8
N. California	March 8
Houston	March 22
Seattle	April 19
Portland	April 20
Kansas City	May 17

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

JEREMY BERTRAND FINCH

Bourzho from Pasadena!

I've been getting up pretty early lately. With the balmy mornings, it's been a joy to sit outside and watch the sky lighten, and to see Grandfather sun rise in the east. It also means I get to work on time in a positive frame of mind.

The other morning I was sitting outside. It was so quiet — that kind of Sunday morning quiet when the cars are in the driveways and their owners are snoozing peacefully. The night had been warm and heavy with the aggregate pollutants that plague my part of the world.

I can't explain why, but I became keenly aware of the slightest breeze. It was perceptible, but barely. I looked up to the trees to see what effect the breeze was having on the leaves. There was absolutely no movement. I closed my eyes to be sure I was actually feeling something. It seemed as though I was able to feel it, while the trees could not, or showed no outward signs, anyway. But it was there, that breeze, cool and refreshing. In its smooth and inexorable way, it was bringing new air to breathe, and washing away the stale and polluted air that had been stagnating in that one place for so long. In what seemed to be only a few minutes, the air was so clear that stars began to shine, and a beautiful display of stars were visible in the east. Those stars had been there all along, but the breeze revealed them to me. I gave thanks to Creator for putting me in that place at that time.

I was reminded of the changes that are taking place within our Nation, and it seemed that there was some comparison to be made.

The change in attitude, and the dedicated actions of several of our people, are like that breeze. It may not shake the trees, but change is happening anyway. I feel that the rebirth of our culture is taking place, even if we need to be quiet and close our eyes to feel it sometimes. This breeze will reveal beautiful things to us, but we must be attentive enough to watch for and appreciate what is revealed to us. And we must learn to appreciate being in this place at this time. For all the sadness of our losses, Creator has blessed us with purpose. We are here to participate with dedication, and to witness with joy, the rebirth of our people, the Anishanbek. Let's accept this gift, and not squander our time. See you at the next Gathering of the Nations. Aho.

Megwetch,

Jeremy Bertrand Finch

SOUTHWEST

PHILONESE WILLIAMS

Bourzho Nicone,

Ne Ge Wa? Time and tide wait for no man and neither do the holidays. My daughter Tami and I were walking through one of our favorite dollar stores the other day, looking for Halloween decorations. We are having a scarecrow making party (but that's another story.) The witches and ghosts were saying boo and whoo ... when suddenly Tami stops. "Do you hear what I hear?" she says and softly over the public address system we heard God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen. Our first Christmas carol and we can't even chase the ghosts away. Progress? — or jumping the gun, you decide.

I suppose you are all making plans for the holidays. Nothing much is happening here. The Heard Museum has opened a new showing at the Boulders in Carefree. It is about the Hopi, their Kachina dancers and the rain. As usual they have an exhibit for the children which in the tradition of the Heard Museum is hands on for the purpose of learning about the Hopi Culture. If you live in the area, you should definitely visit. Your ID will admit you for free and is well worth the trip.

Mesa Powwow October 12-13 will feature handcrafts as well as food and dancers. Sammy White (ton ni ke) is head gourd dancer. It will be good to see Sammy again as we certainly enjoyed his wonderful stories at our regional meeting and I was told he is moving to Oklahoma. We will miss him but I hope he will come back from time to time for a visit.

There is to be an evening of Indian music at Cooke College in Tempe, October 21, 1996. There will be a dinner before the event from 6-7:30. There is a donation of \$15 at the door, but no additional charge for the music. It sounds like a beautiful evening. For information on this event, please call Barbara Walker at (602) 968-9354.

I have been receiving a few calls and I would love a few more. Give me a call, let's talk, let me know what you need information on and what you would like to see us doing here in this area. This is our region and I really need your input on anything you have on your mind. So once again, please call me.

Well I guess I'll get busy and start gathering the materials for my scarecrow. Can't wait for all the ghouls and goblins to come. Hope your Halloween is fun ... moving shadows! pussy cats! funny faces! spooky taps! old black witches — I have seen all these things on Halloween.

Megwetch,

Philonese Williams

POTAWATOMI SCRAPBOOK



Drumming is Gerry Lou Pearl Marstall, sixth generation, who is carrying the seventh generation.

This group of descendants helped unveil the plaque. From left: Virginia Pearl C.S.S. (author of the story below), Mary Ann Dockry Harty, Marge Pearl Guerich, Marygene Coleman Fagen, John Slavin, Roy Slavin. Blessing the plaque is Father Carberry, pastor of St. Boniface Church.

Equa Ke Sec descendants dedicate memorial marker

BY VIRGINIA PEARL CSN

The Trail of Death was declared a Regional Historical Trail by the State Legislators of Indiana, Illinois and Kansas in 1994; Missouri also passed a resolution in support of the project. In order to honor this Regional Trail and the courage and faith of the Potawatomi who endured the hardships of the Trail, historical markers are being placed along the Trail in the locations where the Potawatomis encamped in 1838.

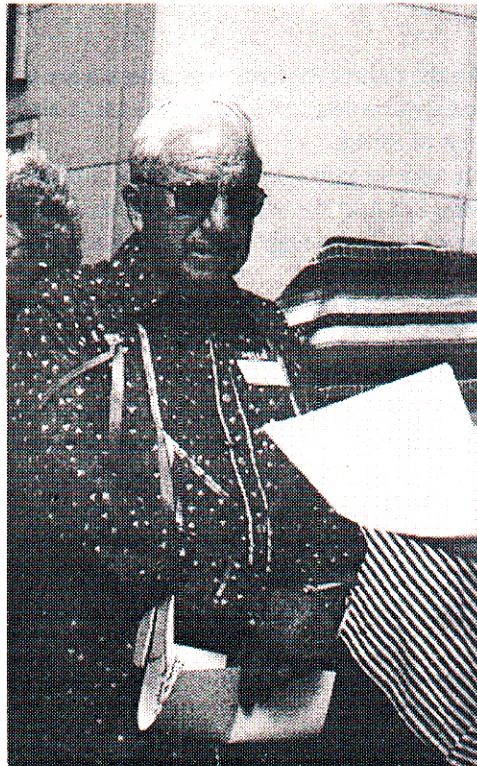
The descendants of Equa Ke Sec Wa Sech Ki Mo Kwe Pat Ni Kwa, who was a survivor of the Trail of Death, dedicated a beautiful bronze marker to honor their grandmother at St. Boniface Catholic Church on September 30, 1995.

The wording on the plaque tells the story of the forced removal of the Potawatomi Indians and the details of the life of Equa Ke Sec.

St. Boniface Church was chosen by our family because in 1838 the Potawatomis were invited to mass at St. Boniface by the pastor, Father Brickwedde, before crossing the Mississippi River.

The bronze plaque is mounted on a 4,000-pound red boulder which Jerry and Hildegard Pearl donated from the pasture of Equa Ke Sec's family at St. Marys, Kansas.

The dedication was truly a family celebration with dozens of Equa Ke



J.B. Pearl of St. Marys, Kansas, introducing the five generations of descendants.

Sec's grandchildren coming from all directions and many states accompanied by their families and friends. The program began by drawing the clan together with drumming and singing. J.B. Pearl introduced the five generations who were present. Ken Slavin as

master of ceremonies welcomed the representative of the mayor of Quincy, Alderman Eugene Mueller. Robert L. Pearl of Parma Heights, Ohio, and Sister Virginia Pearl CSJ related highlights of the life of their grandmother Equa Ke Sec from the stories told by their late grandmother Mary Doyle and their mother, Florence Doyle Pearl, who often told stories of the Trail of Death memories.

The dedication also honored St. Rose Philippine Duchesne who taught Equa Ke Sec her prayers as a young child. Mother often spoke of this holy woman who worked with the Potawatomis at Sugar Creek, Kansas, shortly after their arrival in Kansas.

Grandchildren from each branch of Equa Ke Sec's family unveiled the beautiful plaque. It was an awesome moment. It seemed to me that the presence of all who suffered converged at that moment and we all experienced tears of gratitude for the faith and courage of every Potawatomi, those who died on the trail and those who survived. As descendants of a beautiful Indian maiden who was a survivor, we were gathered to celebrate and to give thanks to God for our heritage, our faith and our family.

The memorial project was spearheaded by Robert L. Pearl, Parma Hts., Ohio; Sister Virginia Pearl, Pawnee

Rock, KS; and John Slavin, Roselle, IL. Members of the Slavin and Pearl families donated the funds and labor necessary to complete the project along with the assistance of Snake Redhawk Griffin, a resident of Quincy and president of the Iliam American Indian Awareness Center.

This memorial project is one piece of the total project sponsored by the Indian Awareness Center, Rochester, Indiana where Shirley Willard is president. Shirley and her husband Bill are completely dedicated to furthering this project.

Other Potawatomi friends from the 1988 and 1993 Trail of Death enactments, Tom Hamilton and George Godfrey, added their Potawatomi touch with their stories to the dedication. Both are descendants of survivors of forced removals.

Our hope as a family is that this beautiful memorial will inspire those who read it to have hearts filled with gratitude for the courage and strength of our foremothers and forefathers who relied on strength from God to walk each day when their feet were tired and their moccasins wore out.

Whenever you are in the Quincy area, our family and St. Boniface Parish family invite you to take time to visit the Trail of Death Memorial at St. Boniface Catholic Church.

POTAWATOMI SCRAPBOOK



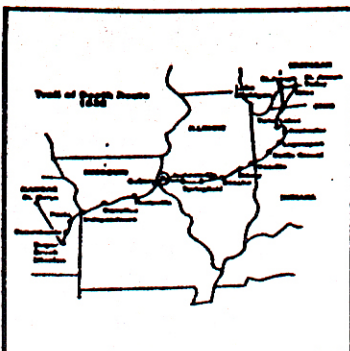
Descendants of Florence Doyle Pearl, a granddaughter of Equa Ke Sec



Project leaders Snake Redhawak Griffin, Robert Pearl, Jerry Pearl, Sister Virginia Pearl



Sister Virginia Pearl, great-granddaughter, with Teresa Slavin Reed, 92, eldest granddaughter of Equa Ke Sec



In Memory of the Potawatomi Indian "Trail of Death" Indiana to Kansas, September 4 - November 4, 1838

From October 8-10, 1838, more than 800 Potawatomi Indians were encamped here in Quincy, Illinois and directly across the Mississippi River in Missouri. They were being forced to march from Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana to Eastern Kansas by the United States government and Indiana officials, a result of the policy of forced removal of all Indians to lands west of the Mississippi River, to provide more land for European settlers moving from the east.

Many of the Indians attended Mass here at St. Boniface Church, including a young girl, Equa-Ke-Sec (Wa-Sech-Ki-Mo-Kwe). She was one of the few children to survive the treacherous journey that took more than 40 lives. At the end of the trail at St. Mary's Mission on Sugar Creek in Linn County, Kansas, Equa-Ke-Sec was taught to pray and sew by an elderly religious sister, Mother Rose Philippine Duchesne, a member of the French Order of the Madames of the Sacred Heart. The Indians called this holy lady, "She who prays always." In 1988 Rose Philippine became the first woman west of the Mississippi River to be canonized a saint by Pope John Paul II in Rome.

After the Potawatomi were resettled in Northeastern Kansas, Equa-Ke-Sec was given the Christian name, Theresa Living. In 1861 Theresa married James Slavin of Ireland at the St. Mary's Mission on the Potawatomi reserve near the present day St. Marys, Kansas. Many Potawatomi were later removed from Kansas to Oklahoma.

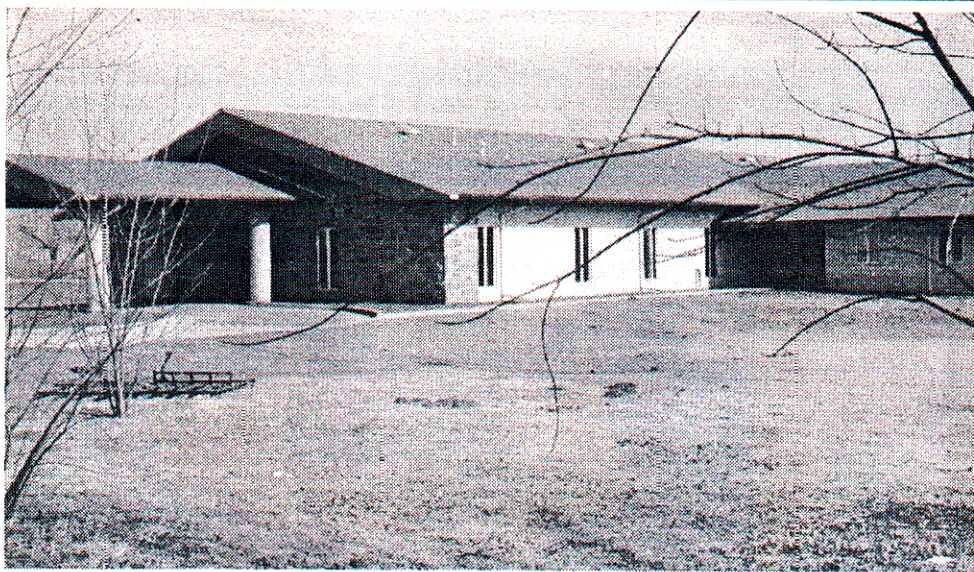
In honor of the courage and faith shown by the Potawatomi Indians on the forced march, and especially by our beloved grandmother, Theresa, we so dedicate this memorial.

We thank St. Boniface Parish and the citizens of Quincy, Illinois
for the kindness shown the Potawatomi Indians then and now.

Placed by descendants of Theresa and James Slavin

September 1995





CLINIC HOTLINE

Beginning Dec. 3, 1996, CPN will begin operations of its Indian clinic at the present alcohol and substance abuse treatment center south of the tribal offices (pictured above). If you have been a patient of the Indian Health Service, the Potawatomi Clinic will now provide those services for you. If you have any questions concerning the continuity of your present treatment or any other questions about health services, contact the Potawatomi Health Hotline at 275-3121. Ask for Joyce Abel or Loretta Miller. Initial services for the clinic will be provided under contract with Mission Hill Hospital until the full services of the Potawatomi clinic are available. Negotiations continue with the IHS for funding. Health services will not be reduced in any way since the Potawatomi clinic will be offering services in conjunction with the continued open door policy of the IHS.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

BY JOHN A. BARRETT JR.

Bourzho Nicon (Hello, my friends),

This year's election will affect some of the most important issues our tribe has faced in the 25 years since I first held office. The House of Representatives of the Oklahoma Legislature and the Republican majority of the U.S. Congress have introduced and in some cases passed the most anti-Indian laws since the Eisenhower administration, when 61 tribes were terminated out of existence.

After hearing from all of the candidates in the congressional district and legislative districts which includes our reservation, it is crystal clear to me that your votes should go to the following candidates:

DARRYL ROBERTS, Third Congressional District, an unequivocal champion of Indian sovereignty who is running against a man, Wes Watkins, who is unsure of his political affiliations but opposes tribal sovereignty.

BRAD HENRY, Dist. 17 State Senate. Most likely the next chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, he is in the best position to help us in the critical issue of state judges taking jurisdiction over federally-recognized Indian tribes. He is an outspoken proponent of tribal sovereignty and a rising star in the Oklahoma Legislature. His opponent does not understand state/federal Indian issues.

DICK WILKERSON, Dist. 13 State Senate. The powerful chairman of the Senate Finance Committee has a clear understanding of state/federal Indian issues. His opponent does not.

BOB WEAVER, House Dist. 26. Bob has promised to support or sponsor legislation dealing directly with the state judge/tribal jurisdiction problem. He also understands the potential value of working with the tribes to generate new jobs in our area. His opponent does not understand state/federal Indian issues.

MIKE ERVIN, House Dist. 28. A stated proponent of tribal sovereignty, he has exhibited a clear understanding of the necessary division of state and federal authority under the U.S. Constitution and the state constitution.

PHIL HARTOON, House Dist. 27. While honestly stating he did not understand the issue on state judges taking jurisdiction over Indian tribes, he does understand the potential value of the tax status of Indian tribes as a means of generating new jobs in the rural parts of his district which includes almost all of our reservation. His opponent, incumbent Dale Smith, voted for the ill-advised and unconstitutional Indian gasoline tax bill and has not demonstrated the ability to understand critical Indian sovereignty issues.

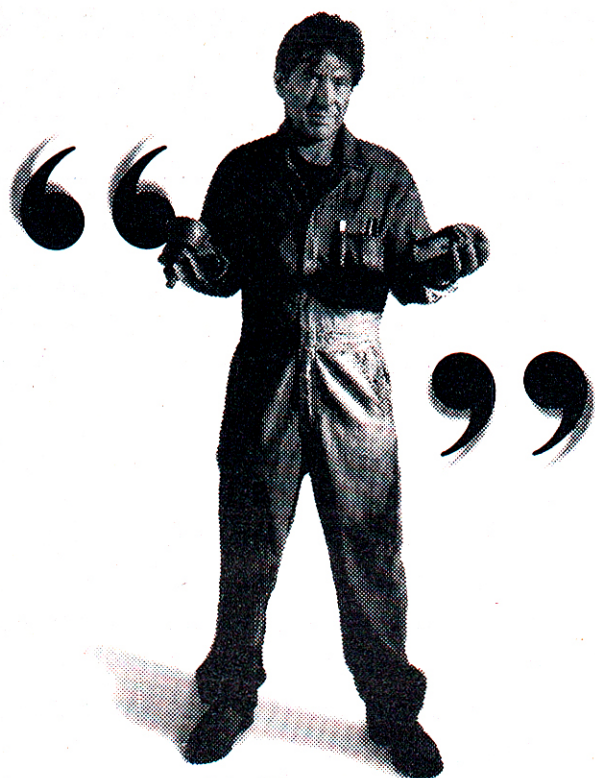
Both candidates for **President of the United States** have issued policy statements supporting Indian tribal sovereignty. The ability of President Clinton to enact his policy is subject to the majority in Congress. The willingness of Bob Dole to oppose the philosophical inclinations of the other members of his party in enacting his Indian policy is subject to question. Who to vote for? Your guess is as good as mine. I'm voting for Clinton since the two guys in the Congress who have introduced the worst Indian legislation are Republicans.

Whether you agree with me or not, vote. Native Americans must be a political force to be considered in our electoral processes. If we are not heard at the polls, we will not be heard by our elected representatives. Political candidates must be made to answer the questions that mean the survival of tribal governments. That is why I took the time to attend these candidate forums and bring you these answers. The next time these forums occur, I hope it is in front of a hall full of Potawatomis. Candidates remember these questions. This is the only way they can know what the voters care about.

Megwetch,

John Barrett

John Barrett



Don't sit on the sidelines.

Say your piece!

On Election Day

Vote for your candidate.

Vote for your country.

But most of all...

Vote for Yourself.



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